

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21-24 and 34-39:

1 – 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a profile in a section of tubing within a wellbore, comprising:

providing an expander device having at least one radially extendable expander member, wherein the expander member is extended by application of fluid pressure;

positioning the expander device in the wellbore at a predetermined location in the section of tubing; and

extending the expander member to deform the tubing at said location to create the profile in an internal face of the tubing.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the profile is in the form of at least one annular recess.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the tubing is deformed by rolling expansion, the expander member being rotated within the tubing with a face in rolling contact with [[an]] the internal face of the tubing.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the tubing is deformed by compressive plastic deformation, producing a localised reduction in wall thickness and a subsequent increase in tubing diameter.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the tubing is deformed by compressive plastic deformation, producing flow of wall material to create the profile.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the expander member is in the form of a roller.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein a plurality of radially extendable expander members are provided.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the expander member is rotated to create the profile.

34-39. (Cancelled)